

Gillespie Named Quarterback of Pioneer League

"With Mike Gillespie at quarterback, we'll display a lot of offense," Coach Hal Chauncey of the Pioneer League promises of his all-stars who battle the Bay League in the annual Optimist football game August 15. Gillespie has not indicated whether he will be able to play in the El Camino Stadium contest, but Chauncey and the Pioneer Leaguers have their fingers crossed. Gillespie is reportedly engaged in a series of summer

baseball games with the Dodger Rookies. He was a star football, basketball and baseball player at Hawthorne for three years. Coach Chauncey has made it known that he rates Gillespie as a better quarterback than Joe Contestable and Jerry Nicholson,

a pair of QBs who guided Hawthorne to fame during its first four years of existence. Gillespie proved himself as a team sparkplug by recovering from early season injuries last fall and leading the Cougars to five convincing Pioneer League victories.

"With Gillespie running the ball club we were a threat at scoring a touchdown on every play," said Chauncey.

The Pioneer League all-stars will have a big line and a great deal of speed in the backfield. According to Chauncey, he can come up with a pretty fair ball club if Gillespie takes part in the game next month.

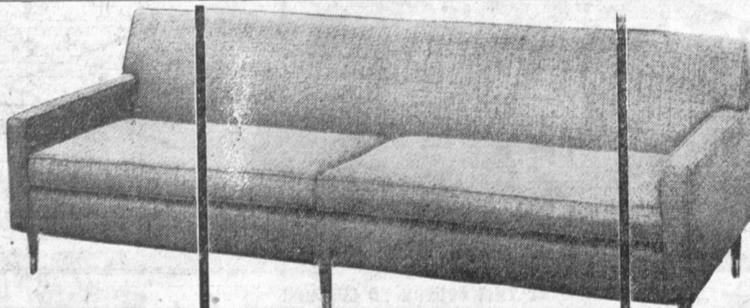
Meanwhile, Leon McLaughlin, coach of the Bay Leaguers, is talking quarterbacks, too.

The Santa Monica coach, a former UCLA and L.A. Ram star center, thought that he would be loaded with quarterbacks, that he didn't figure on his own signal-man, Perry Bates, as a candidate for the football all-stars. Bates played only one year of football at Samohi and figured to make the best of a basketball scholarship at Stanford in the winter.

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Accidental Poisoning One of Greatest Dangers to Young Children, Report

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The lives of many small children are lost each year as a result of accidental poisoning. Still other children must undergo the sometimes painful treatment necessary to their recovery from swallowing some poisonous material.

The greatest number of cases of accidental poisoning occur in the home, and the majority of the cases are children. Many parents who do everything possible to protect their children against the common diseases of childhood, nevertheless expose them to the greater danger of poisoning.

The results of a statistical investigation covering several countries was published by the World Health Organization in 1957 and reveals that accidental poisoning was most common in the one to four years' group. In a recent Minnesota survey it was found that most young victims were under five years of age, and the greatest number was in the one to three year group. It is generally agreed that curiosity is high from the time a child begins to toddle until around four years of age, and within this period children lead what is sometimes called a "hand-to-mouth" existence.

Truly, not all of the accidental deaths among children can be prevented. Falls, burns, motor vehicle accidents, and the like are all difficult to anticipate and often impossible to prevent. This is not the case in accidental poisoning, for parents can remove the means of its occurrence in most instances.

Among many common household items reported as the cause of death among young children are aspirin, sedatives and sleeping pills, cosmetics (including perfumes), benzine, kerosene, turpentine, corrosives (such as lye and ammonia), pesticides, arsenic compounds, and certain antiseptics.

In some households many of these or similar items are kept in an easily accessible medicine cabinet, on low shelves, in kitchen cupboards, or places that are equally as accessible to children. Aspirin, which is found in nearly all home medicine cabinets, is one of the chief causes of poisoning in children. The colored, sweet flavored aspirin tablets in a die especially for youngsters are particularly dangerous to have around since

the sugar coating makes them palatable and increases the risk that the child will take a lethal dose.

Physicians are agreed that it is up to the parents or other responsible adults to provide an accident-free environment until a child is old enough to understand the reasons for precautionary measures. With the proper vigilance, however, accidental deaths from poisoning in childhood can be sharply reduced.

But even with rigid safeguards, accidents will sometimes occur. That is why every parent or adult caring for children should know first aid measures for poisoning. Such first aid procedures were recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and a reprint of the recommendations will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Gas Station Law Gets Legal Nix

Any law which would require City Council approval to build a service station in a commercial zone would be difficult to enforce, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled this week.

He said such an ordinance will fare poorly in court, if contested. Remelmeier made an investigation after the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association complained that the northside has an abnormally large number of gas stations.

Leaders of the organization asked the Council if they can not provide a law to limit growth of what they term a "gasoline alley."

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